

## **INTEGRABLE DERIVATIONS III**

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### **Abstract**

We establish some theorems of structure for a ring  $A$   $I$ -adically complete,  $I$  ideal of  $A$ , modulo the strong integrability of a finite number of derivations of  $A$ , in the case of the unequal characteristic.

### **Riassunto**

Si stabiliscono teoremi di struttura per un anello  $A$   $I$ -adicamente completo,  $I$  ideale dell'anello, modulo l'integrabilità forte di un numero finito di derivazioni di  $A$ , nel caso della caratteristica diseguale.

### **Introduction.**

In this paper we will investigate the integrability of derivations in rings of unequal characteristic.

This case was examined in [2], but it is very important derive some theorems of strong integrability for derivations in analogue manner that for a  $k$ -algebra  $A$ ,  $k$  field of characteristic  $p > 0$ .

Let  $A$  be a ring and  $p$  be a prime number. If we assume that  $p$  is neither zero nor unit in  $A$  and that all prime numbers

other than  $p$  are units in  $A$ , then we say that  $A$  is a ring of unequal characteristic.

The most important example is the case when  $A$  is a local ring of characteristic zero with residue field of characteristic  $p$ .

The unequal characteristic case is more complicated than the case of characteristic  $p > 0$ , but the important result obtained in [2], which says that any derivation of  $A$  into  $pA$  is strongly integrable, is the key to generalize the theorems contained in [3], to the case of a finite number of derivations of  $A$  into  $pA$ . These derivations are essentially different from those considered in [1], [3], because they apply the maximal ideal of  $A$  in itself, supposed  $A$  local.

In this work, all rings are assumed to be commutative with a unit element.

A local ring is a noetherian local ring.

Let  $A$  be a ring. The set of all derivations of  $A$  into itself is denoted by  $\text{Der}(A)$ .

**DEFINITION 1.** A *differentiation*  $\mathbf{D}$  of  $A$  is a sequence  $\mathbf{D} = \{D_0 = 1, D_1, D_2, \dots\}$  of additive endomorphisms  $D_i : A \rightarrow A$  such that

$$D_n(ab) = \sum_{i+j=n} D_i(a)D_j(b)$$

for any  $n$ .

The set of differentiations of  $A$  is denoted by  $HS(A)$ .

Let  $t$  be an indeterminate over  $A$  and put:

$$E(a) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} D_n(a)t^n \in A[[t]].$$

Then  $E$  is a ring homomorphism of  $A$  into  $A[[t]]$  such that  $a \equiv E(a) \pmod{t}$  for every  $a \in A$ , and conversely any such

homomorphism  $E$  comes from a differentiation of  $A$ . We can identify  $E$  with  $\mathbf{D}$ .

If  $\mathbf{D} = \{1, D_1, \dots\}$  and  $\mathbf{D}' = \{1, D'_1, \dots\}$  are differentiations of  $A$ ,

$$\mathbf{D} \cdot \mathbf{D}' = \{1, D_1 + D'_1, D_2 + D_1 D'_1 + D'_2, \dots, \sum_{i=1}^n D_i D'_{n-i}, \dots\}$$

is again a differentiation of  $A$ .

DEFINITION 2. A differentiation  $\mathbf{D}$  is said to be iterative if:

$$D_i \circ D_j = \binom{i+j}{i} D_{i+j} \quad \text{for all } i, j.$$

DEFINITION 3. Two differentiations  $\mathbf{D} = \{1, D_1, \dots\}$  and  $\mathbf{D}' = \{1, D'_1, \dots\}$  of  $A$  will be said to commute each other when  $D_m$  and  $D'_n$  commute for any  $m, n$ .

If  $\mathbf{D}$  and  $\mathbf{D}'$  are iterative and commute each other, then their product  $\mathbf{D} \cdot \mathbf{D}'$  is again iterative ([1], 1).

DEFINITION 4. A derivation  $D \in \text{Der}(A)$  is said to be integrable if there exists a differentiation  $\mathbf{D} = \{1, D_1, D_2, \dots\}$  of  $A$  with  $D_1 = D$ .

If the ring  $A$  contains the rational number field  $\mathbf{Q}$ , then every derivation  $D \in \text{Der}(A)$  can be uniquely prolonged to the iterative differentiation

$$\mathbf{D} = \{1, D, D^2/2!, D^3/3!, \dots, D^n/n!, \dots\}.$$

If  $A$  contains  $\mathbf{Z}_{p\mathbf{Z}}$ ,  $p$  a prime number,  $p$  non zero-divisor of  $A$ , then every derivation  $D : A \rightarrow pA$  can be prolonged to same iterative differentiation

$$\mathbf{D} = \{1, D, D^2/2!, D^3/3!, \dots, D^n/n!, \dots\}$$

since  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $D^n/n! \in A$  ([2], theorem 1), but every derivation is not always integrable in unequal characteristic ([2]) and in characteristic  $p$  ([1], [3]).

LEMMA 1. *Let  $A$  be a ring of unequal characteristic  $p > 0$ ,  $p \neq 2$ . Assume that  $p$  is not a zero-divisor in  $A$ . Then the number  $N_k = \frac{p^{k-1}}{k+1} \in Z_{pZ}$ , for every integer  $k \geq 1$ .*

*Proof.* The total ring of quotients  $K$  of  $A$  contains  $Q$  and  $N_k \in Q$ . If  $k = 1$ ,  $N_1 = \frac{1}{2} \in Z_{pZ}$ , since 2 is invertible in  $A$ .

Suppose  $k > 1$ . If  $k+1$  is not a multiple of  $p$ ,  $k+1$  is invertible in  $A$  and we are done.

If  $k+1$  is a multiple of  $p$ , since  $p \neq 2$ ,  $k+1 = p^t$  is verified if and only if  $t \leq k-1$ , hence the assertion.

THEOREM 1. *Let  $A$  be a noetherian  $K$ -algebra,  $K = Z_{pZ}$ , and let  $x$  be a element of  $A$  such that  $\cap x^n A = (0)$ .*

*Suppose that:*

- 1)  $p$  is not 0-divisor in  $A$  as well as in  $A/xA$ ;
- 2) there exists a differentiation  $E : A \rightarrow A[[t]]$  such that  $E(x) = x + pt$ .

*Then, if  $z \in A$  and  $xz \in F$ , where  $F = \{a \in A/E(a) = a\}$ , we have  $z = 0$  and  $x$  is not a 0-divisor in  $A$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $xz = 0$ , then

$$E(xz) = E(x)E(z) = (x + pt)(z + tD_1(z) + t^2D_2(z) + \dots) = 0,$$

$$xz + xD_1(z)t + xD_2(z)t^2 + \dots + pzt + pD_1(z)t^2 + pD_2(z)t^3 + \dots = 0.$$

$$\begin{cases} xD_1(z) + pz = 0 \\ xD_2 + pD_1(z) = 0 \\ \dots\dots\dots \\ xD_{n+1}(z) + pD_n(z) = 0 \\ \dots\dots\dots \end{cases}$$

Hence,  $pz \in x^n A$ ,  $\forall n > 0$ ,  $pz = 0$  and  $z = 0$ , since  $p$  is not 0-divisor in  $A$ .

THEOREM 2. Let  $A$  be a noetherian  $K$ -algebra,  $K = Z_p Z$ , and let  $x$  be an element of the Jacobson of  $A$ ,  $\text{Rad}(A)$ .

Suppose that:

- 1)  $p$  is not 0-divisor in  $A$  as well in  $A/xA$
- 2) there exists a derivation  $D : A \rightarrow pA$  such that  $D(x) = pu$ ,  $u \in \cup(A)$  or:
- 2') there exists a differentiation such that  $E(x) = x + pt$

Put  $F = \{a \in A / D(a) = 0\}$  in case 2),  $F = \{a \in A / E(a) = a\}$  in case 2') and  $\mathfrak{S} = (x)$ .

Then  $F$  is a subring of  $A$  and  $F \cap \mathfrak{S} = (0)$ .

*Proof.* In case 2), replacing  $D$  by a suitable linear combination, we may assume that  $D(x) = p$ .

Since and derivation  $D : A \rightarrow pA$  is strongly integrable the iterative differentiation:

$$E(a) = \sum_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} t^n D^n(a)$$

satisfies the condition 2. Thus it suffices consider case 2').  $A$  is separated in the  $x$ -adic topology.

Consider  $y \in \mathfrak{S} \cap F$ ,  $y = xz$ ,  $y \in F$ .





*Proof.* We may replay the  $D_i$  by linear combinations of them and assume that  $D_i x_j = p\delta_{ij}$ , without destroying the integrability conditions  $[D_i, D_j] \in \Sigma p A D_i$ .

Now we prove that  $A = F + \mathfrak{F}$ .

Since the positive integers are non zero-divisor in  $A$  by assumption, the total ring of quotient,  $K$  of  $A$  contains  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

Every derivation  $D$  of  $A$  can be extended to a derivation of  $K$  and since  $\text{char}(K) = 0$ ,  $D$  can be lifted to the iterative differentiation  $\underline{D} = \{1, D, D^2/2!, \dots, D^n/n!, \dots\}$  of  $K$ . If  $D$  maps  $A$  into  $pA$ ,  $D^n(A) \subseteq p^n A$ , and it is possible to see that  $D^n/n!$  maps  $A$  into  $A$ .

It follows that for any  $y \in A$ , we can define

$$y^{(1)} = y - \frac{1}{p} \sum_{i=1}^n D_i(y) x_i$$

since  $\frac{1}{p} D_i(y) \in A$ , it follows that  $y^{(1)} \in A$ .

But  $\frac{1}{p} D_i(D_i y) \in pA \subset A$ , so we have

$$D_i y^{(1)} \equiv 0 \pmod{p\mathfrak{F}} \quad \text{and} \quad y^{(1)} \equiv y \pmod{\mathfrak{F}}.$$

By induction we can construct  $y^{(1)}, y^{(2)}, \dots \in A$  such that  $y^{(k)} \equiv y^{(k-1)} \pmod{\mathfrak{F}^k}$ ,  $D_i y^{(k)} \equiv 0 \pmod{p^k \mathfrak{F}^k}$ , for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, r$  and for all positive integer  $k$ .

Suppose that we have constructed  $y^{(1)}, y^{(2)}, \dots, y^{(k)}$ .

We can write

$$D_j y^{(k)} = p^k \sum_{1 \leq i_1 \leq r} \dots \sum_{1 \leq i_k \leq r} b_{ji_1 \dots i_k} x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_k},$$

where we may suppose (by taking the arithmetic means over the distinct permutations of  $i_1, \dots, i_k$ ) that the coefficients  $b_{ji_1 \dots i_k}$  are



symmetric in the indices  $i_1, \dots, i_k$ . Now

$$\begin{aligned} D_h D_j y^{(k)} &\equiv p^k \sum_{i_1} \dots \sum_{i_k} \sum_{t=1}^k \delta_{hi_t} b_{ji_1 \dots i_k} x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_{t-1}} \dots x_{i_k} \equiv \\ &\equiv p^k \sum_{i_2} \dots \sum_{i_k} k b_{jhi_2 \dots i_k} x_{i_2} \dots x_{i_k} \bmod p^{k+1} \mathfrak{S}^k \end{aligned}$$

and similarly

$$D_j D_h y^{(k)} \equiv p^{k+1} \sum_{i_2} \dots \sum_{i_k} k b_{hji_2 \dots i_k} x_{i_2} \dots x_{i_k} \bmod p^{k+1} \mathfrak{S}^k.$$

Since  $[D_h, D_j]$  is a linear combination of the  $D_i$ 's and since  $D_i y^{(k)} \equiv 0 \bmod p^k \mathfrak{S}^k$ , we have  $D_h D_j y^{(k)} \equiv D_j D_h y^{(k)} \bmod p^{k+1} \mathfrak{S}^k$ . By theorem 1  $x_1$  is not a 0-divisor of  $A$ , and  $D_2, \dots, D_r$  induce derivations of  $A/x_1 A$ .

Hence by induction we see that  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_r$  is an  $A$ -regular sequence.

Therefore  $gr^{\mathfrak{S}}(A) \cong (A/\mathfrak{S})[T_1, \dots, T_r]$ .

It follows from this and from the above congruences that

$$\begin{aligned} p^{k+1} \sum_{i_2} \dots \sum_{i_k} k b_{jhi_2 \dots i_k} x_{i_2} \dots x_{i_k} \bmod p^{k+1} \mathfrak{S}^k &\equiv \\ &\equiv p^{k+1} \sum_{i_2} \dots \sum_{i_k} k b_{hji_2 \dots i_k} x_{i_2} \dots x_{i_k} \bmod p^{k+1} \mathfrak{S}^k. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $p$  is not 0-divisor and for  $k \neq p$ ,  $k$  is invertible, it follows that

$$b_{hji_2 \dots i_k} \equiv b_{hji_2 \dots i_k} \bmod \mathfrak{S}.$$

This means that  $b_{i_1 \dots i_{k+1}} \bmod \mathfrak{S}$  is symmetric in the  $k+1$  indices.

Now define  $y^{(k+1)}$  by

$$y^{(k+1)} = y^{(k)} - \frac{p^{k-1}}{(k+1)} \sum_{i_1=1}^r \dots \sum_{i_{k+1}=1}^r b_{i_1 \dots i_{k+1}} x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_{k+1}}.$$

Then  $y^{(k+1)} \equiv y^{(k)} \bmod p^{k-1}\mathfrak{S}^{k+1}$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} D_j y^{(k+1)} &\equiv p^k \sum_{i_1 \dots i_k} b_{ji_1 \dots i_k} x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_k} - p^k \sum_{i_1 \dots i_k} b_{ji_1 \dots i_k} x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_k} \\ &\equiv 0 \bmod \mathfrak{S}^{k+1} \text{ since } y^{(k+1)} \equiv y^{(k)} \bmod \mathfrak{S}^{k+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Finally put  $y_0 = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} y^{(k)}$  and get  $y \equiv y_0 \bmod \mathfrak{S}$  and  $D_i y_0 = 0$  for all  $i$ , so that  $y_0 \in \mathfrak{S}$  and  $y \in F + \mathfrak{S}$ .

The proof of the fact  $F \cap \mathfrak{S} = (0)$  follows by Theorem 2.

**THEOREM 5.** *Let  $A$  be a noetherian  $k$ -algebra,  $k = \mathbb{Z}_p$  and let  $I = (x_1, \dots, x_r) \subseteq m$ . Suppose that:*

- (1)  *$p$  is not 0-divisor in  $A$  as well in  $A/(x_1, \dots, x_i)$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq r$ .*
- (2)  *$A$  is  $I$ -adically complete, and*
- (3) *there exist iterative differentiations  $\mathbf{D}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{D}^{(r)}$  of  $A$ ,  $\mathbf{D}^{(i)} = \{1, D_1^{(i)}, D_2^{(i)}, \dots\}$ , which commute with each other (i. e.  $D_m^{(i)}$  and  $D_n^{(j)}$  commute for any  $m, n, i, j$ ; when  $i = j$  this follows from the iterativity), such that  $D_1^{(i)} x_j = p \delta_{ij}$ ,  $D_n^{(i)} x_j = 0$  ( $n > 1$ ).*

*Then we have the following facts:*

- i) *the subring  $F = \{a \in A/E^{(1)}a = \dots = E^{(r)}a = a\}$ , where  $E^{(i)}$  is the homomorphism  $A \rightarrow A[[t]]$  corresponding to  $\mathbf{D}^{(i)}$ , is a coefficient ring of  $A \bmod I$ ,*
- ii)  *$A = F[[x_1, \dots, x_r]]$  with  $x_1, \dots, x_r$  analytically independent over  $F$ ,*
- iii) *for any formal power series  $g(x_1, \dots, x_r)$  with coefficients in  $F$  we have  $E^{(i)}g(x_1, \dots, x_r) = g(x_1, \dots, x_i + pt, \dots, x_r)$ .*

*Proof.* It suffices to prove  $A = F + I$ , because the rest of the proof is similar to that of Th. 3. We use in crucial manner the results contained in theorem 4 of [3].

Consider the ring homomorphism  $E_{-x_i}^{(i)} : A \rightarrow A$  defined by

$$E_{-x_i}^{(i)}(y) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-x_i)^n D_n^{(i)}(y) \quad y \in A.$$

For any iterative differentiation  $\mathbf{D} = \{D_0, D_1, D_2, \dots\}$  and for any  $x \in m$  such that  $D_1 x = p$ ,  $D_n x = 0$  ( $n > 1$ ), consider in the total ring of quotients of  $A$ , the differentiation

$$\mathbf{D}' = \{D'_i\} = \{D_0, D'_1, D'_2, \dots\} = \left\{ \frac{D_i}{p^i} \right\}.$$

It results

$$D'_1(x) = \frac{1}{p} D_1(x) = 1, \quad D'_n(x) = \frac{1}{p^n} D_n(x) = 0.$$

$\mathbf{D}$  is an iterative differentiation and it results by theorem 4 of [3],

$$D'_m(E_{-x}(y)) = \frac{1}{p^m} D_m(E_{-x}(y)) = 0$$

$s D_m(E_{-x}(y)) = 0$ ,  $s$  non 0-divisor in  $A$ , hence  $D_m(E_{-x}(y)) = 0$ .

Therefore  $E_{-x_i}^{(i)}(y)$  is a  $\mathbf{D}^{(i)}$ -constant.

It is easy to check that the homomorphisms  $E_{-x_i}^{(i)}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq r$ , commute with each other.

Therefore  $E_{-x_1}^{(1)} E_{-x_2}^{(2)} \dots E_{-x_r}^{(r)}(y) \in F$  for any  $y \in A$  and this image is congruent to  $y$  modulo  $I$ . Hence  $A = F + I$ .

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